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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In an in-person interview initiated by Applicant's representative, Jessica H. Kwak, on September 17, 2008, Examiners Christopher A. Flory and Scott M. Getzow, and Applicant's representatives, Steve J. Shumaker, John W. Albrecht, and Jessica H. Kwak (the "parties") discussed the above-referenced application. The parties generally discussed claims 1, 9, 18, 28, and 30 in view of the cited art. In particular, the parties discussed U.S. Patent No. 5,967,986 to Cimochowski et al. (hereinafter "Cimochowski"), U.S. Patent No. 5,478,995 to Wallerstorfer et al. (hereinafter "Wallerstorfer"), U.S. Patent No. 6,634,563 to Lippert, U.S. Patent No. 6,810,237 to McEowen, and U.S. Patent No. 6,650,939 to Taepke II (hereinafter "Taepke").

During the in-person interview, Applicant's representatives presented a prototype of an antenna for a medical device programmer that substantially meets the limitations of at least independent claim 1. In addition, Jessica H. Kwak conducted a demonstration of how at least a

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portion of an item of clothing may be pulled into a channel of the antenna to thereby hold the antenna in a substantially fixed position by an interference fit or friction fit between at least a portion of the channel in the antenna and the clothing, as recited in at least independent claim 9.

During the in-person interview, the parties discussed amendments that may be made to further clarify Applicant's claimed invention. In particular, the parties discussed amendments to the claims that would further clarify the aperture defined by the antenna.

No agreement regarding the claims was reached during the in-person interview on September 17, 2008. Applicant thanks Examiners Getzow and Flory for discussing the present application with Applicant's representatives on September 17, 2008.

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